

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The current mainstream media is already insufficiently diverse. Rules which allow large companies to control even more media outlets will make it even more difficult for the public to gain access to a wide array of perspectives. One of the topics that is most important to maintaining an informed democracy is the topic of the relationship between the interests of corporations and the content of the news providers that they own. If fewer corporations control the media, it is even more unlikely that they will wish to cover this subject in an unbiased manner. This would be a profound disservice to the American public.